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Dear Administrators,

The Northwest Inland Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project, is pleased to announce its **annual spring conference, *The Common Core & Beyond: Shooting for the Stars*, to be held at the Spokane Convention Center on March 5th & 6th, 2013.** In recognition of the financial difficulties many districts find themselves in, the NIWP has **rolled back the registration fee to 2007 levels.** The full two day conference is a low \$80, with one day rates at \$60. This is an excellent opportunity for schools to send a team of teachers to the conference. **Washington clock hours and University of Idaho professional development credits are available.**

Jeff Wilhelm, educational researcher, Boise State University professor, and author of *Get it Done: Writing and Analyzing Informational Text* (2012) will be our keynote speaker, facilitating a **three-hour workshop** each day. Jeff has many excellent strategies for addressing the Common Core State Standards on informational reading and writing through inquiry. His workshops are applicable to teachers of all grade levels and content areas.

Each day will also have **two rounds of concurrent sessions** facilitated by regional and national teacher leaders. These sessions allow teachers to choose from four different workshops each round. The schedule is balanced to allow every teacher to find at least two workshops that are applicable to their teaching situation during each round. **Conference registration** is available online at <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1164035> . Fees are payable by check, purchase order or credit card. For more information about the conference contact April Niemela at april@niwp.org.

Teachers and administrators are also encouraged to check out our website, www.niwp.org , for further information.

We look forward to seeing you and your teachers at the conference!

Sincerely,

April Niemela
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